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1. ON JANUARY 31 POLOFF BROUGHT UP FARKAS AND KARDOS CHILDREN DIVIDED FAMILY CASES DURING CSCE DISCUSSION WITH MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICERS KISS AND REVESZ. ALTHOUGH KISS DID NOT REPLY TO THE TWO CASES DIRECTLY (BUT DID TAKE NOTES ON THEM), HE GAVE SPECIFIC PRESENTATION ON DIVIDED FAMILIES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) GOH REGARDS FAMILY REUNIFICATION AS VERY SERIOUS MATTER AND WISHES TO PROMOTE REUNIFICATIONS PER HELSINKI FINAL ACT;
(B) MFA HAS MADE CLEAR WITHIN GOH ITS OWN DESIRE MOVE FORWARD ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION; (C) RECENTLY "INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE MFA" HAVE MADE DECISION TO FACILITATE RESOLUTION OF SUCH CASES; AND (D) EMBASSY COULD EXPECT "DISTINCTLY MORE POSITIVE ACTION IN FUTURE," AND "FASTER MOVEMENT."

2. ON FEBRUARY 2 CONSUL FOLLOWED UP BY SPECIFIC REPRESENTATION IN FARKAS AND KADOS CASES TO MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT (SZEPE). POINTS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE MADE TO SZEPE DURING LAST REPRESENTATION JANUARY 13 WERE (A) THAT IN BOTH CASES NEW APPEALS ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING AND (B) LONG SEPARATIONS ALREADY CONSTITUTE AMPLE "PUNISHMENT" ON BOTH CHILDREN AND PARENTS
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FOR THE LATTER'S HAVING REMAINED ABROAD ILLEGALLY UNDER HUNGARIAN LAW.

3. CONSUL ALSO SUPPORTED TWO OTHER CASES ON CURRENT PROBLEM LIST, POINTING OUT THAT BUCSANYI ALSO HAS A NEW PASSPORT APPLICATION RUNNING (HER FOURTH), AND CONGRESSMAN MINISH HAS EXPRESSED CURRENT INTEREST IN VANDA. COPIES OF EMBASSY REPORT

TO CONG. MINISH WILL BE POUCHED TO GERTH, EUR/EE AND VO.

4. SZEPES REPLIED IN GENERAL HELSINKI TERMS THAT GOH LOOKS CONSTRUCTIVELY UPON FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND STATED SPECIFICALLY BOTH THAT MFA HAD ACCURATELY RELAYED POINTS MADE IN CONSUL'S 1/13 REPRESENTATION ON TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, AND THAT "ADMINISTRATIVE" STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO PERMIT MORE SPEEDY DETERMINATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES IN FUTURE.

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